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TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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MOBILE RAW MATERIAL CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC) has any proposal to set up Mobile Raw Material Centres for the benefit of the weavers in the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof,State-wise and location-wise;

(c) whether it is also proposed to make availability of raw materials to the weavers at a price lower than the market price; and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Government of India is implementing Mill Gate Price Scheme (MGPS) since 1992-93 under which all types ofyarn is made available at the price at which it is available at Mill Gate to the eligible handloom weavers so as to facilitate regular supply of basic raw materials to the handloom sector and help utilize the full employment potential of the sector.The scheme is implemented through National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC), a Government of India Undertaking.The expenditure involved for transporting the yarn from the Mill Gate to the Godown of the handloom agencies is reimbursed to the handloom agencies at the following rates,subject to actual expenditure, whichever is less:-

Item	In Plains	Hills/remote NE Area
Other than Silk/Jute yarn	1.00%	1.75% 3.00%
Silk Yarn	1.00%	1.25% 1.50%
Jute/Jute blended yarn	7.00%	8.00% 8.50%

In addition to the above there is also provision for Depot operation under which 2Â½% depot operating expenses are being reimbursed to eligible handloom agencies.In order to ensure uninterrupted supply of yarn at reasonable prices to handloom weavers,485 yarn depots are operating all over the country covering all handloom clusters.